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Condemning white supremacy, prez faces gun-control pressure

The number of casualties in mass shootings in El Paso and Dayton is at 31.

People pray at a makeshift memorial beside crosses with the names of victims who died in the shooting that left 22 people dead at the Cielo Vista Mall Walmart in El Paso, Texas, on Aug. 5, 2019. GETTY IMAGES

President Donald Trump on Monday proposed tighter monitoring of the internet, mental health reform and wider use of the death penalty in response to mass shootings over the weekend that killed 31 people in Texas and Ohio.

Republican Trump, who has been criticized by Democrats as stoking racial divisions with his rhetoric, said Americans must "condemn racism, bigotry and white supremacy," a day after Texas officials said racial hatred was a possible motive in the killings of 22 people in the southern border town of El Paso.

A 21-year-old white man has been charged with capital murder in Saturday's shooting spree. Police in El Paso cited a racist, anti-immigrant manifesto posted online shortly before the shooting, which they attributed to the suspect, Patrick Crusius.

Trump did not address accusations that his own anti-immigrant and racially charged comments have contributed to a rise in race tensions, nor did he call for broad gun-control measures.

> **"Mental illness and hatred pulls the trigger, not the gun."**
>
> President Donald Trump

"These sinister ideologies must be defeated," he said in remarks at the White House. "Hate has no place in America. Hatred warps the mind, ravages the heart and devours the soul."

Democrats quickly accused Trump of hiding behind talk of mental health reform and the role of social media instead of committing to laws aimed at curbing gun violence in the United States.

On Saturday, several Mexican citizens were among the 22 people killed at a Walmart by a man who drove from his home in Allen, Texas, 660 miles away, to El Paso, authorities said.

Just 13 hours later, another gunman killed nine people in downtown Dayton, Ohio. The suspect, Connor Betts, was killed by police in less than a minute. His motive was not clear.

Mass shootings by lone attackers in recent years have increased concerns about gun violence and the threat posed by racist and white supremacist ideologies.

Trump, who has been accused of not doing enough to tackle domestic extremist groups, said he would direct the Department of Justice to investigate domestic terrorism and would propose legislation to ensure that those who commit hate crimes and mass murders face the death penalty.

He also said the country needs to reform mental health laws to identify disturbed people as well as work with social media companies to detect possible mass shooters.

"We must make sure those judged to pose a grave risk to public safety do not have access to firearms and that if they do, those firearms can be taken through rapid due process," he said.

BACKGROUND CHECKS?

Trump on Monday had called for "strong background checks" on gun buyers, but did not elaborate on the idea and it was not the central part of his White House statement.

"Mental illness and hatred pulls the trigger, not the gun," he said in the address.

That comment drew immediate criticism, with 2020 Democratic presidential candidate Amy Klobuchar accusing Trump of trying to dodge the issue of gun control.

"There's mental illness&hate throughout world, but U.S. stands alone w/high rate of gun violence," she tweeted.

After a gunman killed 58 people at a country music festival in Las Vegas in 2017, Trump proposed a ban on an attachment known as a bump stock that gives a semi-automatic weapon the capacity of a machine gun. The ban went into effect in March.

But when 17 people were killed in a 2018 shooting at a high school in Parkland, Florida, Trump stepped back from sweeping fixes to gun laws that he had considered after the tragedy. Instead, he backed more modest measures following a private meeting with the National Rifle Association, the gun-rights group that is influential in Congress.

Trump also pointed to "gruesome and grisly" video games in his comments on Monday.

"It is too easy today for troubled youth to surround themselves with a culture that celebrates violence," Trump said. "We must stop or substantially reduce this and it has to begin immediately." REUTERS

El Paso shooting death toll rises to 22

The death toll rose to 22 people on Monday in a mass shooting at a Walmart store in El Paso, increasing with two deaths in a hospital days after a spate of shooting sprees, El Paso Police said on Twitter.

Two weekend gun massacres prompted President Donald Trump to condemn white supremacy.

Texas prosecutors charged a man with capital murder for the massacre in the heavily Hispanic border city that initially had claimed 20 lives.

Two victims died in the hospital on Monday morning, raising the grim total to 22, El Paso Police said.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott said Saturday's rampage appeared to be a hate crime and federal prosecutors called it domestic terrorism. Police cited a racist, anti-immigrant manifesto posted online shortly before the shooting, which they attributed to the suspect, Patrick Crusius, as evidence that the bloodshed was racially motivated.

A Texas prosecutor said the state will seek the death penalty against Crusius if he is found guilty.

It was the second of three separate public shooting sprees carried out in the U.S. in the span of a week. The dense cluster of massacres prompted fresh cries of alarm in a country accustomed to reports of young men gunning down strangers.

Flowers and signs are seen at a makeshift memorial after the shooting that left 22 people dead at the Cielo Vista Mall Walmart in El Paso, Texas. GETTY IMAGES

"In one voice, our nation must condemn racism, bigotry and white supremacy," Trump said from the White House, calling the gunman "wicked" and criticizing the internet and violent video games for fostering violence.

"It is too easy today for troubled youth to surround themselves with a culture that celebrates violence," Trump said, a day after Democratic presidential candidates called for stricter gun laws and accused the president of stoking racial tensions. REUTERS

Dayton gunman once threatened fellow HS students with 'hit list'

The gunman who killed nine people in a rampage in Dayton had a troubled past, including threatening fellow students in high school, authorities said, but police said it was too soon to establish a motive for the slaughter.

The gunman, wielding an assault-style rifle and wearing body armor and a mask, inflicted carnage early on Sunday on a neighborhood known for its nightlife.

The shooter, Connor Betts, 24, of Bellbrook, Ohio, a Dayton suburb. He was the third young man to take a rifle and go on a public killing spree in the United States within a span of a week, renewing alarm at the national crisis of mass shootings.

The killings in Dayton began at around 1 a.m. on Sunday in the Oregon District and ended rapidly when police who were nearby moved in and shot Betts dead. Those killed included Betts' sister. At least 14 people were wounded by bullets, while others still were injured as they fled. Six of the nine people killed were black.

The gunman shot at least 41 bullets before he was killed, Dayton Police Chief Richard Biehl told reporters. REUTERS

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Six injured in 7-alarm fire in the Bronx

Five firefighters and a baby were injured in the Bronx blaze Monday morning.

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An image of the blaze. FDNY

Five firefighters and a 9-month-old baby were injured Monday morning during a fire in the Concourse Village section of the Bronx.

The fire broke out at about 5:30 a.m. Monday at a 5-story residential building located at 225 McClellan St., according to the FDNY. The seventh fire alarm went off at about 8 a.m.

Chief of Fire Operations Thomas Richardson said the fire began at street level, which is occupied by a grocery store, before spreading to the top floors. The fire was able to easily spread due to a void in the walls — which also made it difficult to contain.

"This fire was very difficult because it spread very quickly," Richardson said in a statement to press. "It took multiple hose lines, and firefighters had to open up walls and ceilings to expose the fire in order to extinguish it. We have a drone that flies above the top of the building and gives us footage that can help us develop our strategy and tactics on how we are going to cut off the fire. And that drone did come in handy [Monday]."

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> **Chief of Fire Operations Thomas Richardson**

FDNY officials said that 55 units and 250 firefighters were dispatched to fight the blaze.

It was the second fire to break out in the Bronx on Monday morning. The first, located at 808 Freeman St., injured four people including one firefighter, the FDNY said. That fire also spread quickly, via the cockloft, which is the space between the roof and the top-floor ceiling.

It was not clear what caused the fires.

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Florida man who sent explosives to Trump critics sentenced to 20 years

Cesar Sayoc expressed remorse right before being sentenced.

A Florida man who mailed pipes filled with explosives to prominent Democrats and critics of President Donald Trump was sentenced to 20 years in prison on Monday.

Cesar Sayoc, 57, who pleaded guilty in March to using weapons of mass destruction and other crimes, began crying when U.S. District Judge Jed Rakoff in Manhattan read the sentence.

Prosecutors have described Sayoc in court filings as the mastermind of a "two-week terrorist attack" motivated by "hate-filled ideology." They had asked Rakoff to sentence him to life in prison, saying he is dangerous to the public.

"The defendant here set out to terrorize people," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Jane Kim, before Sayoc was sentenced.

Sayoc expressed remorse shortly before the sentencing. "I am so very sorry for what I did," he said.

Sayoc's lawyers have portrayed their client as "kind-hearted and eager to please," but said he suffered from severe learning disabilities, childhood abuse and steroid use that left him isolated and paranoid.

"In this darkness, Mr. Sayoc found light in Donald J. Trump," his lawyers said. At the time he was arrested in October, they said, Sayoc was living in his van and had become preoccupied with conspiracy theories spread on social media about Trump's opponents.

"The combination of his cognitive deficiencies, steroid-induced delusional thinking, political naiveté and his isolation resulted in Mr. Sayoc being unable to critically evaluate these claims," they said.

They had asked Rakoff to sentence their client to just over the legal minimum sentence of 10 years.

Sayoc sent packages containing pipes stuffed with explosives, wires and alarm clocks to 16 intended targets, including former President Barack Obama, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, U.S. Sens. Cory Booker and Kamala Harris, billionaire investor and Democratic donor George Soros, former Central Intelligence Agency Director John Brennan, actor Robert De Niro and CNN.

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> **Sayoc's lawyers**

All of the devices were intercepted and none exploded.

A report by federal investigators concluded the devices Sayoc sent had no mechanism to trigger an explosion and would not have worked as bombs. REUTERS

Cesar Altieri Sayoc appears in a police booking photo. REUTERS

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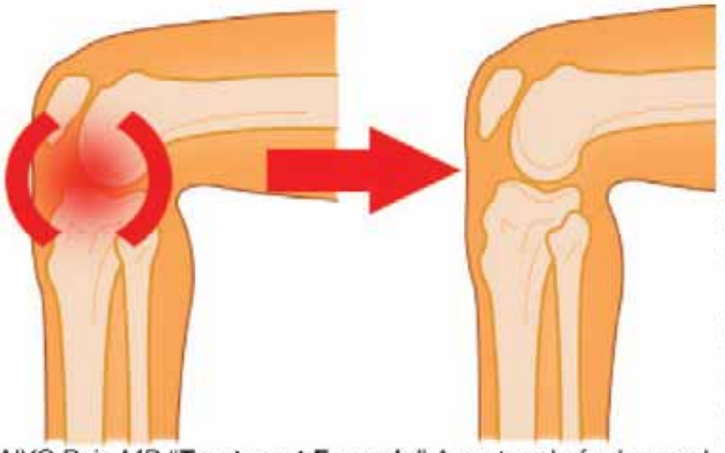

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Manhattan is getting its first CBD robot.

CBD is an abbreviation for cannabidiol, which is a cannabis- and hemp-derived cannabinoid compound known anecdotally to reduce inflammation and promote wellness. Marinabox, named for its aquatic blue exterior and hometown of Marina del Ray, California, is a robot that dispenses CBD products. Tribeca-based CBD shop Come Back Daily is launching New York City's first Marinabox on Tuesday.

The Marinabox's NYC debut comes hot on the heels of Gov. Andrew Cuomo signing a bill to decriminalize cannabis. However, as decriminalization is left to the discretion of law enforcement, legalized medical marijuana and CBD use also come with an element of "Big Brother." Individuals who shop at dispensaries must show a form of photo identification, which gets scanned upon entry. At Columbia Care on East 14th Street, for example, whether or not customers purchase any products their IDs remain logged to keep track of who is entering and leaving the facility, for security purposes. This data is not protected by HIPAA laws.

Additionally, those hoping to pick up CBD treats will be disappointed to discover that there is a ban on CBD edibles in effect in New York. Penalties of up to $600 per incident may be implemented in October.

The FDA does not yet consider CBD safe for human consumption. If people are using CBD as an unlicensed drug intended to treat illnesses and ailments, it cannot be added to food.

To date, regulations have not been drafted or enforced as to whether CBD will fall under the category of an anti-inflammatory drug (such as an NSAID) or a wellness supplement (such as valerian root). In the meantime, the Department of Health is erring on the side of caution and honoring the moratorium on CBD edibles.

Detractors of the CBD food and beverage ban cite that since industrial hemp is federally legal under the Farm Bill, hemp-derived CBD products are as well, and should be allowed to be sold in any form, edible or otherwise. However, the Farm Bill only legalizes processing and farming hemp, not the sale of its derivatives.

People who are put off by marketplace confusion or the "grey market" might be fearful of entering and being tracked by dispensaries in order to obtain CBD products. Others might not trust the dubious CBD products that are popping up ubiquitously, including at gas stations and bodegas. CBD-curious customers and repeat buyers who want to purchase products such as topicals and tinctures without being tracked or profiled may opt to use the Marinabox autonomously. Additionally, they might benefit from the product education that is delivered by the robot at the point of sale, rather than having to interact with a commissioned salesperson.

Marinabox CEO Zack Johnson explained that a form of photo identification is required to use the robot, to ensure the customer is over 18. However, ID data is not provided to third parties unless a consumer opts in to receive promotional emails, Johnson said. The Marinabox does not provide customer data to the federal government.

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"Radiofrequncy Neurotomy" is often referred to as RF for short.

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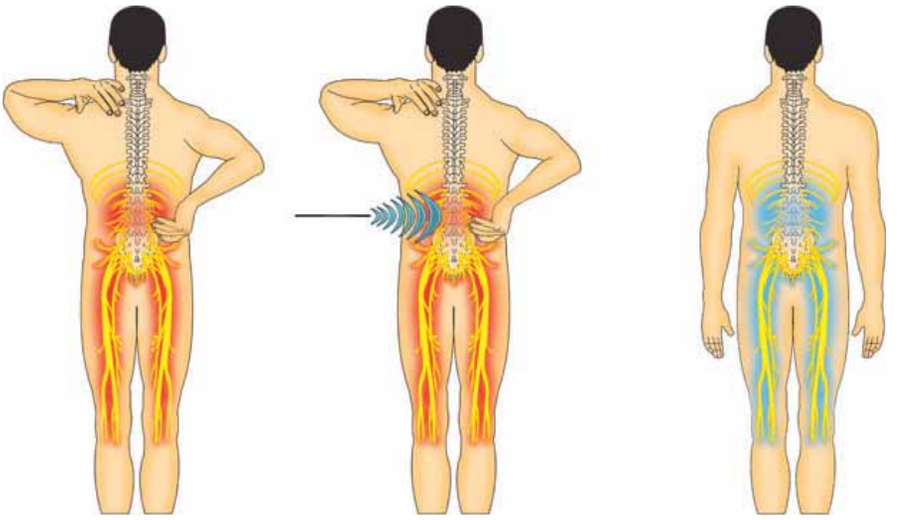

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Actress Sonya Cassidy on season 2 of 'Lodge 49'

The hit series returns for season 2 next week on AMC.

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Do we need to escape our everyday reality in order to engage with television? Shows like "Game of Thrones" found success by bringing viewers into a completely new world while use of the word "reality" seems just as far-fetched when in relation to what we actually experience. AMC's surprise hit "Lodge 49" chooses to take the opposite approach, showing much more relatable depictions of normal people just trying to do their best in difficult times. The show returns Aug. 12 for its second season.

At the center of the show is the relationship between Sean "Dud" Dudley, played with infectious slacker charm by Wyatt Russell, and his sister Liz, played by Sonya Cassidy. The Dudley siblings have a tight bond but a very uneven dynamic. After the death of their father and the collapse of the family pool-cleaning and supply business, it is up to Liz to keep whatever is left of the family together after Dud is left emotionally adrift.

That's not to say Dud is a lost cause. After a series of coincidences, the spiritually stagnant beach bum finds himself walking the halls of the fraternal order known as The Lynx and ultimately joining as a member of their local station, Lodge 49, in their hometown of Long Beach, California. Becoming a brother of this society gives Dud a new sense of purpose but, unfortunately for Liz, leaves his sister fronting the bills for this new higher calling.

The beauty of the show is how it tackles the quiet struggles that everyday Americans deal with in this modern era. While there are no real battle lines drawn between good and evil for the future of the planet, the show understands why crippling financial debt is a more believable fear than fire-breathing dragons.

According to Cassidy, she had fallen in love with how the show's creator, Jim Gavin, could weave in laughs into his scripts that seemed rooted in real life.

"I had not read anything like that before," says the British actress. "I not only loved the show and how unique and surprising it was, but I realized I had not read something before, in terms of a television script, that in the space of one scene I could go from really laughing to [being] deeply moved. I think the way that Jim so deftly crafts those characters and those scenes is something very special."

Cassidy feels like the story that Gavin hopes to tell is a breath of fresh air for viewers.

"It feels like a very human show," she explains. "Which, in a world of television that I love, there's a lot of blood, a lot of death, a lot of sex, and a lot of violence. We all enjoy that, but what I like a lot about our show is that it doesn't feel like hard work, but at the same time it's utterly engaging and mysterious and magical. That is one of the ways that I would describe the show: It is a lodge for people. They can sit on their sofa and feel like they are a part of this magical, mundane world with us."

And that, for better or worse, is how most of us live our lives. The good times can be fleeting and the threat of an upending of our basic comforts is always lurking around the corner, given how hard it is just to get by, week to week.

"I don't know that there are many people now in that middle section of society that doesn't know what it is to, at some point, be worrying about keeping a roof over their heads, especially if you have children or dependents," says Cassidy. "That's a very real everyday worry for many people which I don't think is covered a lot in television. The more I watch, it either covers very working-class stories or stories about people with lots of money, with problems. There's a kind of thrill and drama to that, but I don't connect with that. I have to say, I get a little bored with it."

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David Leitch: 'There was a little bit of "Lethal Weapon"'

For the "Hobbs & Shaw" director, action is more than physical.

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At this point, David Leitch has already firmly established himself as one of Hollywood's go-to action directors.

That's what happens when you oversee "John Wick," "Atomic Blonde" and "Deadpool 2," all within the space of just four years. "Hobbs & Shaw" now arrives a little over a year after the release of the Ryan Reynolds-led comic-book sequel, and this time sees the filmmaker pairing up with both Dwayne Johnson and Jason Statham in "The Fast & The Furious" spin-off.

Leitch admits to Metro that joining the beloved franchise and working with the two actors was a particular draw for him. Especially as their characters were already established, as this provided him with the chance to really explore them through their fighting styles and the film's action set pieces.

"I wanted to define them by their action. It is classic Hobbs that he is going to smash everything with a truck. Shaw even says that in the movie to him. While Shaw is more sophisticated and more of the scalpel and more of a smooth operator.

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ments and fight sequences, even in the opening sequence Hobbs shows no bulls—t, he kicks the guy in the balls and uppercuts him. While Shaw maneuvers around, uses a champagne bottle, catches it behind his back. It was a lot of fun to define the characters by the action."

Key to expanding on these characters was the introduction of Vanessa Kirby as Hattie Shaw, the sister to Statham's Deckard whom Johnson's Hobbs quickly develops a crush on. But far from being a damsel in distress, Hattie plays a key role in the plot and is just as impressive a fighter as the two titular characters. Leitch fully credits Kirby with making Hattie so formidable.

"Vanessa put in the time to bring the physicality to the character. We used the action in the movie with her to bring her closer to Jason Statham's character. If you watch her fight scenes, you'll see that she fights a lot like Jason. And that was intentional in the sense that you really wanted to believe that she was Shaw's little sister.

"And, again, Vanessa being the talented actress that she is, she put in the time to make that

Vanessa Kirby.

be a reality and brought her character to life, physically."

In order to prepare for "Hobbs & Shaw," Leitch admits that he watched all of the "Fast" films starring Johnson and Statham, analyzing the fight scenes so that he could "build on where they had come from and their fighting styles," before then bringing his own approach to them and the film.

At the same time, though, there was one classic film that Leitch also often referred to. "I think the classic reference point that rings true is 'Lethal Weapon.' That is the quintessential, classic buddy cop movie, and obviously there have been many, many different installments.

"It has two great characters that are very clearly defined with different styles that are forced to work together. And that is not unlike 'Hobbs & Shaw,' although we had the luxury of being embedded in the 'Fast' universe, where a world has already been created and there's an expectation for these bigger set pieces. So there was a little bit of 'Lethal Weapon' and then the 'Fast' world that we were appealing to."

"Hobbs & Shaw" is in theaters now.

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OPINION

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Yankees manager Aaron Boone has navigated his injured side to the top of the American League. GETTY IMAGES

At surface level, this is just another quintessential season in the storied history of the New York Yankees.

The Bronx Bombers are cruising toward their 19th American League East title since the division's establishment in 1969. With a comfortable lead over the Tampa Bay Rays and, thanks to a four-game sweep over the weekend, the Boston Red Sox, the Yankees are set to take the division flag for the first time since 2012.

They've been paced by their explosive offense that ranks among the best in baseball. The Yankees rank second in runs scored, third in home runs, and third in team batting average.

Again, on the surface, it's easy to see why. The Yankees have an embarrassment of riches offensively when looking at the roster.

The problem is that manager Aaron Boone hasn't been able to field a fully healthy lineup all season.

In the Yankees' first 110 games of the 2019 season, only five players have suited up 90 or more times as injuries continue to run rampant through the clubhouse.

As it stands, 16 players are on the injured list — most recently, a pair of first basemen in Luke Voit and Edwin Encarnacion, alongside center fielder Aaron Hicks.

It could have been two more in Gio Urshela and Glebyer Torres, but both seem to have escaped any serious injury issue after going down during Sunday night's victory over the Red Sox.

Regardless, the Yankees have seen countless big-time contributors go down with injuries this season.

While Giancarlo Stanton continues to struggle with a sprained right knee (no timetable for a return yet), his bash brother in Aaron Judge also battled an oblique issue that held him out of over 50 games.

Catcher Gary Sanchez's bounce-back campaign has been hampered by a groin issue, starting shortstop Didi Gregorius just eclipsed the 40-game mark this season after recovering from Tommy John surgery last October, and 2018 AL Rookie of the Year runner-up Miguel Andujar appeared in just 12 games this season after tearing his labrum.

Then there's the pitching staff, which has yet

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DESERVES AL MANAGER OF THE YEAR

to see ace Luis Severino or star reliever Dellin Betances toe the rubber once this year. Jordan Montgomery hasn't, either, as he continues to recover from Tommy John surgery.

CC Sabathia is on the 10-day IL due to knee issues while Jonathan Loaisiga's shoulder injury landed him on the 60-day IL.

To put it simply, the Yankees should not be this good. They should not be 30-plus games over .500 in August within a division that had two other 90-plus win teams last season in the Red Sox and Rays.

Call it depth, call it timely depth signings, call it whatever you want: Boone is pulling all the right strings and is deserving of the American League Manager of the Year Award.

I never thought I'd be saying that sentence.

When Boone first took the Yankees job last season, it was like handing the first-year manager the keys to a Ferrari. It's going to be awe-inspiring, breathtaking, fast. Just don't wreck it.

After winning 100 games, an ALDS exit at the hands of the Red Sox was like driving the Yankees off the interstate and into a ditch.

Among notable injured Yankees: Edwin Encarnacion (top left), Luke Voit (top right), Gary Sanchez (bottom left) and Giancarlo Stanton (bottom right). GETTY IMAGES

But Boone has navigated this Yankees team through its injury-riddled campaign and has led them to the very top of the standings while turning everything he touches to gold.

Andujar's replacement, Gio Urshela, had a career .225 batting average with eight home runs and 39 RBI in 167 career games with the Cleveland Indians and Toronto Blue Jays.

In 92 games with the Yankees this year, the 27-year-old is slashing .314/.359/.522 with 12 home runs and 51 RBI.

DJ LeMahieu was considered to be on his way down after batting .276 with 15 home runs and 62 RBI with the Colorado Rockies last season after a three-year stretch in which he averaged .319.

He rediscovered that magic touch at the plate in the Bronx as he leads the league with a .335 average along with 17 home runs and 75 RBI. His reemergence guarantees that the Yankees have a capable bat to fill in at first base while Voit and Encarnacion recover.

Mike Tauchman, a 28-year-old utility outfielder and pinch hitter, is batting .283 in 53 games this year after batting .153 in 59 at-bats with the Rockies between 2017 and 2018.

Veteran utility outfielder Cameron Maybin, with his .257 career batting average, is batting .312 with the Yankees.

Domingo German, the lone bright spot of a disastrous Yankees starting rotation, has gone from a nobody to 14-2 with a 3.98 ERA and a sterling strikeout-to-walk ratio of 4.75.

Sure, it could be the culture that comes with playing for the Yankees. It could come from the organization up top, beginning with General Manager Brian Cashman. It could even come from the support of hitting coach Marcus Thames and pitching Larry Rothschild.

At the end of the day, however, it's Aaron Boone who has the Yankees on pace to win 105 games and nab homefield advantage throughout the playoffs.

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15 Courtroom event
16 Take on employees
17 As straight __ arrow
18 Thought back on
20 Affleck or Savage
21 Buzzers
22 Naps
23 In a bad mood
25 Felt hat
26 Hateful
28 Snoozes
31 Bus station
32 Golfer Sam __
34 Cleaning cloth
36 "Phooey!"
37 European nobleman
38 African nation
39 __-to; brawl
40 Noise
41 1 of the 12 Apostles
42 Thing worth saving
44 Like one with laryngitis
45 Get __ of; shed
46 "Sri" follower
47 Monk's superior
50 Partial amount
51 Big TV network
54 One who says "I do"
57 Part of a staircase
58 Freeway division
59 Gallows item
60 Frau's man
61 Breakfast order
62 Say
63 Jumpy

DOWN

1 Injure with a dagger
2 Sit for an artist
3 Set free
4 Lion's lair
5 Strain
6 Joyce Kilmer poem
7 Objectives
8 Edison's initials
9 Hardwood
10 Breathe during an asthma attack
11 Televises
12 Guitar part
13 Kennedy & Knight
19 Bloodline
21 Boxing match
24 __ for; cheer on
25 Apartment
26 Likelihood
27 Baseball's Jeter
28 Transmit
29 Drawn-out
30 Smart guys
32 Like lemons
33 Religious sister
35 VP Al __
37 Unlike Morehouse & Eton
38 Yellowish wood
40 Ill will
41 Dixie dish
43 Wears away
44 Carpenter's tool
46 On the __; free to roam
47 Suffix for comfort or chew
48 Boast
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50 Ashy residue
52 Floating ice mass
53 Vigorous
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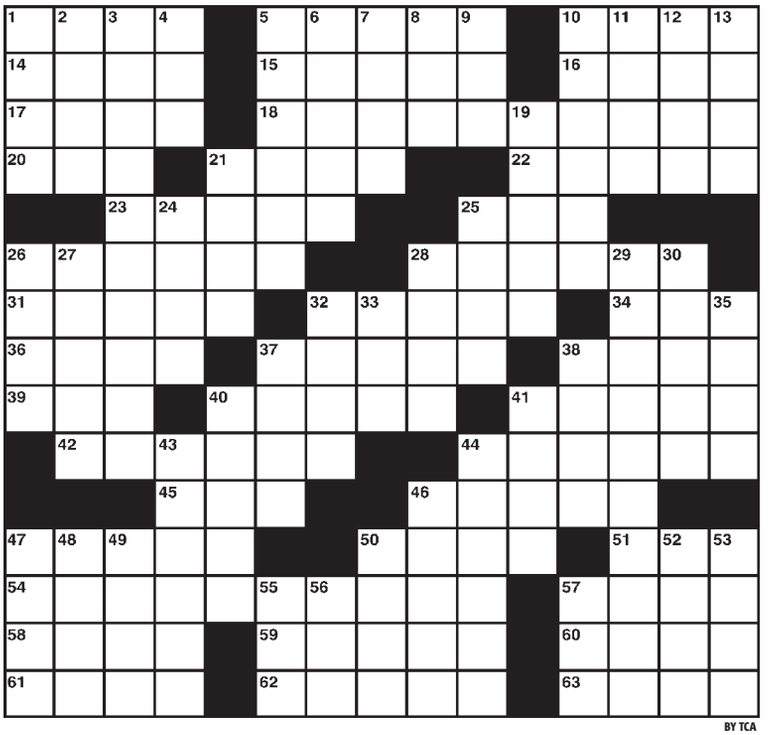
56 Decay
57 The girl



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